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County School Notes.

On Friday evening, Sept. 24, as the superintendent does not drive her car after dark, Miss Carrie Stadler, teacher of the Union school, came to the office shortly after seven o'clock and loaded up the picture machine, as well as the victrola and a number of good records, along with the superintendent and five other passengers. At the school house were gathered the pupils and most of the patrons of the district. Quite an interesting program was presented and all went home feeling that they had spent a very pleasant evening.

The schools visited during the past week are: Culp, Bluff City, Chambers, Schaeffer, Benton, Kimsey, Richville, Woodville, Divide, Union, Burr Oak, Pleasant Hill, Minnesota Valley, Dale Center, Lonesome, New Liberty and Mineral Springs.

The enrollment is as follows:

Culp	25
Bluff City	22
Chambers	30
Schaeffer	9
Benton	31
Kimsey	27
Woodville	26
Divide	11
Burr Oak	31
Pleasant Hill	25
Minnesota Valley	24
Dale Center	14
Lonesome	28
New Liberty	19
Mineral Springs	13

This makes the enrollment of the schools so far visited 1974.

At the Divide school, the girls have a splendid sewing class. Mrs. J. E. Buntz, the mother of one of the girls, has loaned her fine sewing machine to the girls for their machine work.

At Dale Center, we noticed a mail box in which the mail carrier can put bulletins and literature of various kinds sent to the schools. It would be well if every rural school in the county would put up some kind of mail box for the use of the school.

Saturday afternoon, a very interesting teachers' meeting was held in the New Point school auditorium. It was very unique in so far that the members of four of the agriculture classes of the county were present and gave demonstrations of the work done in their schools during the past four weeks.

Miss Nellie Milne was there with two of her pupils, Pearl Wiemeyer and George Hunzinger. Among other things they showed samples of soil and explained what would grow best in each; they also had a beautiful knife rack and tooth-brush rack which they had made. Miss Carrie Stadler brought with her Kenneth Noelch and his brother. Miss Maude Stadler had Inez Waegle from her agriculture class, while Miss Lydia Acton had Harold Buntz, Helen Kurtz and Ralph Acton. The pupils showed a very great interest in the work and a knowledge of the subject that would have done credit to older pupils. This sort of meeting is very worth while, and the superintendent feels that every teacher in the county who wishes to successfully teach the subject of agriculture made a great mistake and lost a wonderful opportunity for improvement if she was not present at this meeting. Another very interesting feature of the meeting was the way in which Miss Markt presented and developed the subject of Play Activities. The next meeting of the kind will probably be held in the Dale Center school in Upper Holt.

Spelling: agriculture, soil, acid, litmus, humus, alluvial, rheumatism, rhythm, relieve, reference, register, receptacle, rebellion, radius, rascal, recommend, reference, suffix, vowel, monosyllable, tragedy, testament, tariff, theatrical, thief.

ALBERTA GREEN-MURPHY,
County Superintendent.

The Fuhrmans Meet.

A delightful reunion of the remaining members of the old historic Fuhrman family of Holt county was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morris, of the Marion district, on Saturday last, Oct. 2, 1920.

The original stock, Chris Fuhrman and family, came to Holt county from Indiana in 1869. Mother Fuhrman passed away February 17, 1899, and Father Fuhrman, October 23, 1901.

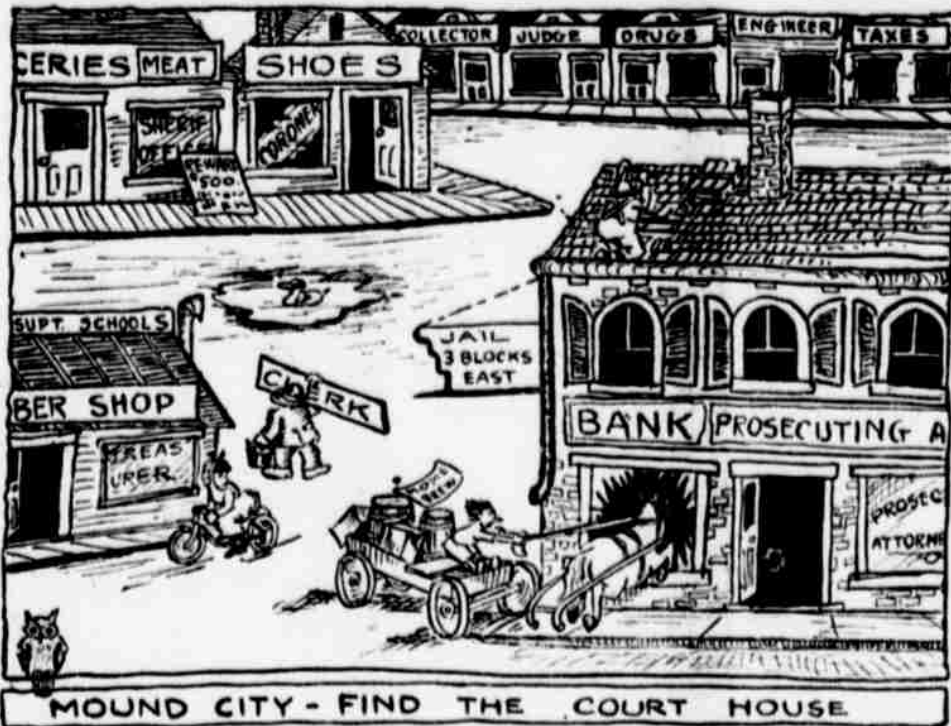
Mrs. Morris is a daughter of Mrs. Nathan Smith, who was a Fuhrman, hence a grandchild of the late Chris Fuhrman and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris were a busy pair, but the guests, of which there were some sixty, did their part in aiding and supplying the commissaries.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fuhrman and two grandchildren, Mrs. Lena Fuhrman and daughter, Clara, Mrs. Sophia Smith and daughter, Lydia, Mrs. Mary Fuhrman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fuhrman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fuhrman and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Fuhrman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuhrman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Noelch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Smith, Mrs. Andy Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Will Morris, Mattie and Margaret Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wehrli and family.

Cryus Kunkel has bought the Sig Noland restaurant in this city, and has taken possession.

Paul S. Bartram, in the radio service at Great Lakes, Illinois, after a ten days' furlough with his parents, Charles W. Bartram and wife, has returned to his camp. He is looking fine, and says he likes the work.



From the Maitland Herald, September 30, 1920.

In case the voters of this county decide by popular vote at the coming Fall election that they want the county-seat moved to Mound City, it requires no further proclamation of any kind. If the vote carries by the required majority the county-seat is actually at Mound City as soon as the fact is known. Of course they have no suitable buildings for any of the county offices but that won't make any difference—and our cartoonist today gives you an idea of what the real condition would be—the various county officers would be located in the drug stores, meat markets, banks, cafes, garages—anywhere that they could find the room—and as shown in this cartoon the poor county clerk has no place to light and is seen in the middle of the street "all dressed up and nowhere to go!" However, this is no laughing matter—this is the condition that confronts the people of Holt county at the present time. Do you want the officers of Holt county to be located in a manner like this—the valuable records here and there? You know in your own mind that it will be several years before the voters will vote a tax to build a new court house, for they already have plenty of places to put their change, and they would much prefer to put any extra taxes into good roads, for this is what will have to be done if we are to keep pace with the progress of the rest of this grand old state. But why should we worry—the voters of Holt County, men and women, are awake and fully realize the situation—and they'll never consent to move the county seat from Oregon to Mound City.

SHAMEFUL DECEPTION.

THE MOUND CITY LOT BOOMERS' ORGANS CONTINUE ITS COURSE OF DECEIVING THE PUBLIC.

We confess astonishment at the publication by the Mound City News-Jeffersonian of the various reports of the grand juries in relation to the public property of the county. And our astonishment lies not so much in the production of these reports, from 1913 to 1919 inclusive, but in the omission of any comment on these reports as to whether or not any of these recommendations of the grand jury had been complied with, thereby indirectly impeaching the various County Courts of our county, and leaving the impression upon the people of our county that they had not only ignored the recommendations of the grand jury, but had deliberately and wilfully violated their oath of office, as the law emphatically states that they "shall take such measures as shall be necessary to preserve all buildings and property of the county from waste or damage."

It is humiliating, not only to The Sentinel, but we believe it is equally so to the people at large of our county, that our County Courts are to be held up in such false light and advertised as men so guilty of violation of the law that they swore to obey when installed into office.

Why is it that this paper at the conclusion of each grand jury report did not tell its readers whether or not any of the grand jury reports had been complied with? No, just the contrary; not a single line; it leaves the reader to believe that they had not, and thus try to make the people believe that our court house was in a most dilapidated condition, and scarcely fit for occupancy. When in fact, the very contrary exists, and The Sentinel reiterates with emphasis its statements of September 10, September 17 and September 24.

Inasmuch as the Mound City town lot boomers' organs utterly fail to tell the people as to what has been done in accordance with the grand jury reports, The Sentinel will do so, and thereby put our various county courts in proper light before the people, and show up the brazen deception as practiced by the Mound City papers.

The first report was filed May 6, 1913, by John E. Slater as foreman, reported bad conditions at the jail, bad ventilation, heating, etc.; that a new floor in the corridor and recorder's office, and that the corridor be laid in tiling.

Why, we pray you, could you not have been honest with your readers by telling them that the jail had been repaired, and was in good condition, supplied with flushing toilets, supplied with water from the city water-works?

The second grand jury filed its report at the February, 1914, term, by Harvey Evans, foreman. It recommended certain repairs to the jail; and a bath be installed in the jail; walks laid from the court house to the jail; that new floors be laid in the corridor and recorder's office, and water be installed in the residence part of the jail; that the stairway leading from the first to the second story be remodeled; that the records of the recorder's and circuit clerk's office were crowded.

Why did you not assume the virtue of honesty, though not possessing it, by telling your readers honestly that the water and sewer pipes had been protected from weather conditions by a brick inclosure, and that the unsanitary conditions had been remedied thereby?

That concrete walks had been laid from the court house to the jail?

That linoleum had been laid in the sheriff's office?

That the old, obsolete documents in the third story had been removed?

That many records had been removed from the circuit clerk's and recorder's office, thereby supplying an abundance of room?

That plenty of shelving had been placed in the county clerk's office, thus furnishing abundance of room for such books as are needful for this office and the county court.

That the law library, excepting various state reports, is not the property of the county at all, but was the former valuable law library of the late Hon. T. C. Duncan, which was purchased by the Holt County Law Library Association, and both of these are provided with suitable shelving and carefully and excellently kept.

That the corridor had been laid with tiled floor; that as you enter the corridor is a handsome tiled imitation of the state seal, "bears and all," with the words "Salus Populi Suprema Lex Esto," which in plain English means "Let the Safety of the People be the Supreme Law."

The third grand jury made its report at the October, 1915, term, through E. A. Roselius as foreman. They reported the jail in as good condition as age would permit and sanitary conditions not the best, and while they say space is limited, they are in good condition.

Why Did You?

Because it proposed an increase of tax for three years. That is why you voted against the proposition to increase the tax levy to build culverts and bridges, and you voted against it three to one.

This tax was to run for three years, and Mound City voted against it five to one, on account of the proposition to increase these taxes.

Now they ask you to vote \$500,000 in bonds to build a new court house for them, and the tax to hang over you and yours not for three years, but for twenty years, when there is absolutely no necessity for such additional tax burdens.

Try to make the vote as equally emphatic on election day in opposition to the removal of the county seat as Benton township did in opposition to an increase of tax without interest to improve our highways—5 against 1 for.

Jonagan-Overman.

Miss Mary Jonagan, of Oregon, and John M. Overman, of Highland, Kansas, were united in marriage by Rev. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, at his home, on Thursday, the 30th of September.

A supper was given in their honor at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jonagan, who reside southeast of Oregon. Those present at the supper were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pratt and children, Hoisington, Kansas; Mrs. Pettis Ragland and children, Albany, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. John Stephenson, George Greiner, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jonagan and daughter, Lucile; Misses Myrtle Lane, Ethel LaFrance, Hester Strickland and Chloe Ball; Messrs. Joe Hopper, Floyd and Carmen Sipes and Ralph Guy. All departed at a late hour, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Overman a long happy married life.

—M. H. Rayhill, of Ontario, Calif., after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Oregon and New Point, has returned home.

—Mrs. Maybell Sweet and three children, of St. Joseph, after a few days' visit with her grandparents, Fred Markt and wife, of this city, have returned home.

High School Notes.

A meeting of all the boys was held last Friday, for the purpose of organizing basketball classes, which are to be held twice per week during school hours. There were about twenty boys present, and all seemed very enthusiastic over the outlook for this season. There is excellent material here for a first-class team.

A large number of students who are interested in debating and public speaking met Tuesday, and organized a Debating Club. The purpose of the club is to encourage debating and literary work of all kinds. The school hopes to compete with other schools of all the Northwest Missouri Association in debating, oratory and declamation during the school year.

Mr. James Carpenter, of Maryville, was in town last week and made pictures of the grades and high school. Many availed themselves of this opportunity to secure pictures of their classmates and teachers.

The first general assembly of the grade and high school was held this (Wednesday) morning. An excellent program was given by the Sophomores. It consisted of: Instrumental duet, Lavona Evans and Ruby Hannan; playlet, "The Professor and the Lunatic"; song, "The Dumb Bells," and a selection by the Boys' Chorus, Rev. E. A. Paul, pastor of the Evangelical church, gave a short address. The hearty applause could only partly express the appreciation of the school.

The Senior class will serve lunch during the Community Fair, Friday and Saturday. If you want some lemonade "made in the shade" and a slice of pie like mother used to make, be sure to patronize the Seniors' stand.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, the Senior class met at the home of Charley Thompson, and from there they went in cars to the home of Glenn Markt to help him celebrate his sixteenth birthday. Progressive Rook was played at three tables. Miss Doss and Glenn received the highest score. Refreshments were served; the guests wished Glenn many more birthdays, and started home in time to prepare lessons for the next day's recitations.

Crank up your Ford or come on your feet

To good old Oregon, the county seat.

Beginning the eighth and ending the ninth, Amusements you'll find, both day and night.

But don't forget the Senior's stand, Our "eats" and drinks are simply grand.

Seniors are wise, and always take the prize

With their pies of enormous size. So come around and get your treat Of amusement and eats at the county seat.

First number of the Lyceum Course next Monday night, Oct. 11, at eight o'clock. High School Auditorium. Chas. R. Taggart, Musical Humorist, will furnish the fun. He is a musician, a former student in the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. He is a Humorist, a present student in the school of life. He puts fun into his music, and music into his fun.

The following named people have purchased season tickets since last week: Henry Akire, Tom Curry, T. A. Callow, Mrs. T. C. Duncan, S. Logan, S. A. Meyer, N. Noland, H. A. Evans, Tracy Blevins, Sarah Thomas, A. W. Cotten.

You will have to hurry and get your tickets! Buy a season ticket and save money. Support the good things your community offers. You cannot afford to do otherwise.

Saturday, Oct. 9, is Fire Prevention Day. Our school will observe the day, Friday, the 8th, with an educational program on the subject of "Fires, Their Causes and Means of Preventing Them." X. X.

It Won't Win.

The Mirror regrets that a few in Lincoln township are basing their arguments for Mound City on an intense hatred of Oregon, some claiming the old town is filled up with a band of cut-throats, swindlers and skylocks, and should the removal be defeated Oregon is going to ask for a new, substantial court house. Many are the petty and mean epithets hurled at Oregon, and all probably originated in the heads of the Mound City lot boomers. This kind of talk is not convincing, but will prove a boomerang to Mound City's cause. These vile epithets are revolting in the extreme. Don't base your talk on hatred that will get you nowhere. The court house is filled with gentlemen officials, placed there by the voters of the county. Don't worry, Oregon will win out, and she will ask for no new court house, as the county already has a fine new structure, which will last for a half century, or until Vance and his land lot boomers have turned to dust.—Corning Mirror, Oct. 1, 1920.

The Scheme.

"After all," says a woman from the vicinity of Mound City in attendance at the Reunion, Sunday, "this county seat removal question is nothing but a gambling scheme to boom the price of lots in new additions to Mound City. I regret the question has come up at this time. My taxes to build a new court house at Mound City, should the removal proposition carry, will be a burden on me. I own a farm well stocked." She will be forced to vote for the removal.—Corning Mirror, October 1, 1920.

Why did you not tell your readers that these conditions have since been greatly improved—Light, and hence ventilation comes from the north, south and west; heated by wood stove; toilets, and in good sanitary condition.

The fourth report of the grand jury was made at the October, 1916, term, by R. G. Ruley, as foreman. It says, "the jail was in a deplorable condition, especially a bath was badly needed, and the toilet in need of repair, and that some of the offices were in need of more room."

With the exception of a bath, the jail conditions were improved, and conditions made more sanitary. With the present unpopularity of jails, and their rapid passing into "innocuous desuetude," we presume that Judges Lawrence, Painter and Whitmer do not feel like making the expenditure for a porcelain bath tub for the prisoners, when the average stay of those committed to jail from September, 1919, to September, 1920, both inclusive, was only 15 days, and also from the facts that hundreds of jails are being abandoned all over the country on account of the effects of prohibition, among which was the abandonment only recently of the Jackson county jail and the discharge of thirty employees, the county court there finding it economy to board what few prisoners they now have at the Kansas City jail.

The grand jury at the October, 1917, term, recommended a new jail, and also that the county surveyor's office was in need of filing facilities, new floors and the windows repaired. This report was signed by A. H. Goodpasture as foreman.

Why in the name of heavens, did you not tell your readers that these recommendations had been complied with, excepting as to a new jail. Explanation in above.

At the October, 1918, term the grand jury, through its foreman, F. J. Gaakill, reported the asbestos was off of the heating furnace; that the attic be given a thorough cleaning; no bath tub for prisoners; vaults insufficiently lighted; and the officers be requested to remove from the vaults all unnecessary records; that there were leaks in the jail.

Why were you not honest enough to tell your readers: That new asbestos had been put on all over the furnace with exceedingly heavy coatings?

That the attic had been made clean and neat and that there were no valuable records whatever there?

That the vaults are electric lighted, and if crowded the officers could remove these surplus records to the reserve vault, in accordance with the request of the grand jury?

That all unnecessary papers and documents had been removed? George C. Young was foreman of the grand jury that made its report at the October, 1919, term. It recommended that the county clerk have some metallic shelves in his office; that the circuit clerk has no office or vault of his own, and recommended that he be given an office and vault of his own. That the collector's office and that of the probate judge be repapered and painted.

Now, pray tell us, if you can, why did you not tell your readers and the readers of those marked copies you are sending out to non-subscribers, with the sole view of misleading them:

That the county clerk's vault instead of having steel shelving, has a steel fire-proof safe within his vault, in which are kept all the county school fund bonds and mortgages and other valuable papers.

That the collector's and probate judge's offices have been repapered and painted?

Now, as to that part of the grand jury's report, pertaining to the circuit clerk's office, recommending that he be given a separate office, Why were you not honest with your readers by giving them a brief statement as to the origin of this recommendation, and thereby relieve yourselves of your shameful attempt to impeach the official action of Judges Lawrence, Painter and Whitmer?

We will explain it and place these gentlemen in the clear light of every reasonable thinking citizen of our county.

Circuit Clerk E. A. Dunham, and by the way a most excellent circuit clerk, conceived the idea that he would like to have his office moved from the ground floor of the court house to the second story, that he might be on the same floor as that of the circuit court. In order to do this, he desired to occupy the room now used by the county highway engineer; that by doing this the vault occupied by the county collector could be extended to the second story on the north side of the room, now occupied by the county engineer, and by Mr. Dunham occupying this room, he would have an exclusive office and vault on the second floor.

Judges Lawrence, Painter and Whitmer did not deem it practical, believing that the public would be best served by retaining the office of circuit clerk where it is at present, and hence made no order for the change.

Why, we ask you, do you persist in your efforts to deceive the people by the most shameful misrepresentations and cunningly omissions?

Why can't you be honest with your readers?